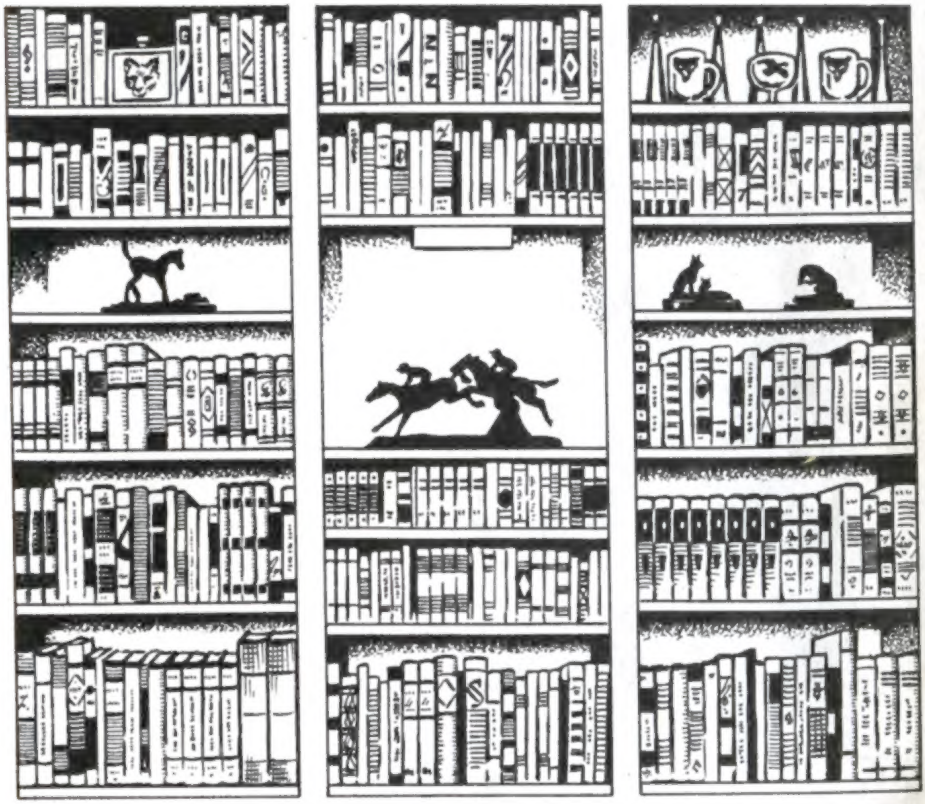

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The Generous Sports man or A Brief discourse of Setting Doggs

First exposing Some Com=mon Errors, Then Shewing y^e true Manage=ment of y^e Docible & Domis=tick Animall from a Weanable whelp, till He arrives to a dogg of good Service of perfection. With Short hints to keep him in good Order;

By a Lover of y^e Setting Sport

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The Introduction to Setting Dogg

Since by the late Acts of Parlia
=mt. of the 5th & 9th of Queen Ann &
3d. of King George for y better &
more effectuall preservation of
the Game of y Kingdom whereby
the Nights destruction seems (&
doubtless) chiefly aim'd at & de=
=signed tho' w.th but little Success y
use of Setting doggs for the day Sport
is now become more generally re
=garded y.n formerly & are now also
esteemed by many almost equivalent
to common riding Horses - - - - - -
there most usefull & Valiously nece
=sary Creatures amongst us: for
whose Care & good management many
good pens have from Age to Age been
employd, but little or nothing almost
to any purpose on these kinds of Dogg
particularly, is yet as I know off to
be found in print whereby Gent.n &
others therein delighting may be

Directed to the true use & great
Service of y^t other most familiar
& domestick Animall A Dogg, but
whereas I doe not design to treat
of Doggs in generall or of their
Severall kinds & uses y^t Nature
has seem'd to frame them for I
shall therefore confine my Self
only to those we now call Setters
Viz^t to those only wch both by Na:
=ture & Art are ene lined to hunt
for, & to find y^e Partridge rather
y^n any other Game w^t lower &
w^n found by Art & good manag
=m^t. So framed as to Stop & shew
by a Steady posture either Stand
=ing or lying down whereabout
they are y^t being what we now
generall call the Setting of
Partridges y^e

Hints of Colours & Mothods of
Breeding

As to particular kinds of Colours
it Seems very needless to describe
y.m because y.t ought to be allowd to
every one's own fancy (not to give a
Colour) or buying Such (if to be had
as y.mselves most approve off, yet
it may not prove amiss just to
say y.t y.e clean white or nearest
it or cole black are most Visi
=ble in y.e dark of the Evening (y.e
Sporting time) in y.e Stubble feilds
having thus only chinted of Co:
=lours I Shall now give my Opi
=nion for a Method of breeding up
whelps from the Dam till they
become fitt to take Directions
for the Sport & give Some Slight
reasons for Such a Method there
=fore Weanable or Soon after I would
have y.m put out Seperately (as it

were to walks like Game Cocks
either to Mills Tan yards or
Small private Country houses
(Citys & Towns might doe were
itt not for the too common dan
=gers) where they may have a
Sufficient maintenance for
growth only w^th^out too much li
=berty of running at random
amongst other comon hunting
Currs; for oft thereby they Re:
=quire such an untoward kind of
puzzleing (as tis called) in hunt
y^t they are not easily recovered
from w^n taken up by y^e manage
to make y^m hunt & sett regular
=ly as they ought to doe; for
y^e setting Master like y^e hauke:
=nar must deale chiefly in y^e

Element of the Air, And there
=fore if he undertake an unto
=wardly bred up Dogg, he may
chance to find twice as much
trouble in y^e Management of y^e
one as in y^e of another, which
also in some measure may be
attributed -- to the breed or
kind of Doggs for tis certain (be
it either in the kind or method
of breeding or perhaps partly
in both) y^t Some are much
more difficult to be managed,
& brought to Sett well y^n others
are yet those y^t put y^m out to
be taught will very rarely - - -
consider of y^s plain & certain
truth.

Some Errors exposed

But if Gent will not consider ye plain truth as aforementioned Hey. pretends to ye managem^t of y^e. should have Skill to know... (especially on a very little tryall) whether they will prove good or bad & whether difficult or eay to be made Setters & therefore not take (as too many doe) Gents money wth or for a meer Cur, yet y^e. may cheifly be attributed to their own ignorance in ye true nature of Setting Doggs (tho' but ever so little) [illegible] for doubtless Some Gent, are so Vain & fantastical in their own opinions & notions as to think y^t if once a Dogg (tho' but ever so little) be but taught to Sett y^t he must ever continue y^e. Art & Managem^t wth. out returning to his own wild nature again, of Springing wth. the chance to doe in change of Masters (as itt gene

:rally happens) for but to whip Se:
:verely as his first Master had
don (perhaps almost too much
too) to make him Sett aq.n w.th out
ever duely considering y.e fault as
whether casuall accidentall or
wilfull or not wilfull & by so doing
time after time from a well made
Setter (from the time he had been
entered at the Sport) make Such a
Blinker of him, y.t he will never
perhaps willingly dare come near
a bird more (y.t proves oft a diffi:
:cult case to cure) & y.r grievous
by complain of being cheated, tho'
even but by their own folly & reall
ignorance in y.e Sport of w.ch too
many instances dayly occur,
but there being Such Analogy be:
:twixt a horse & a Dogg & Jocke g
:ing So much in request & So ge:
:merall a word for cheat. (except
y.e word Bubbleing ~~mart~~ now pre:

=vaile) Methinks any one may be
as well content to be jockiy'd or
cheated in y^e^ One as the other Ans:
=mall for dont they see (or at least
may see) y^e^ one proud & try'd as
well as y^e^ other y^t^ whence can y^r^
complaint justly arise more
from a Dogg y^n^ from a Horse for
Suppose I chance to sell a good high
mettled horse at a good price to a
person y^t^ knows not how to ride
him as he ought to be ridden am I
therefore to take ye horse return
ye value or teach him how to ride;
is itt not the same case to those
y^t^ know not y^e^ true managem^t^
of a setting Dogg am I always to be
a Tutor in y^e^ case & at y^e^ same
price too. I am perswaded that
Gent can noe more expect that

favour of a Sportsman y^n they would to have a Jockey always ride their horse for y^m all thead=vise y^t I can think proper to give in y^e case is for y^m to take care in parting no^t their money least y^e old proverb fall on y^m & not to made idle complaints afterwards of their own faults to prevent wch a farther hint may be given, as y^t a new or young Sportsman ought not to buy a young or raw made Dogg but rather such an one as has been throughly well made Stanch (as in Sportsmens terms) or they may expect to make but very indifferent work at catching Partridges till both Master & Dogg are better ac:=quainted with the Nature of the Sports

Reconcile. Such Errors endeavour
att
Having thus much (tho' Those
but Slightly) blamed both Gent.
& Sportsmen concerning dealing
wth. each other about Buying &
Selling Doggs & Since there is not
so frequent complaints about
Horse coursing being so much
more antient y.n Doggs hepping
y.t it hath y.e more worn out the
complaining part - by y.t generall
word of Jockeying as a fore hinter
of y.t all persons y.t chance to buy a
hard bargain in a horse frequent
=ly Sett down more contented in
their own oversights y.n they doe
in y.t of a Dogg tho' they have seen
perhaps a more full triall of y.e
last y.n of y.e first or at least might
have seen it; for w.t Sportsmen

pretending to Sell a Setter would
refuse hunting him before a
Chap: if there be required He
y^t will be in Such hast for one as
to take him by word only may
make as full a bargain may he
not, as he y^t buys a horse from
a stable by View only wth out
rideing him or seeing him ridden;
prevending the comon frauds &
to direct Gent; how to a Void y^m
if tendered to y^m may not methinks
seem an unwelcome discourse
either to ye one party or ye other
because they as well as my Self
Suppose to allow of ye old prover
y^t honesty is the best policy
tho' now almost out of fure un-
-less it may Serve for discourse
Sake, to lead on to Some design
knaveny

A Discription of a good Dogg

To prevent therefore as much as I can both ye frauds & complaints y^t most frequently arise about ye harmless and healthy pastime I shall next endeavour to describe ye Characters or tokens by wch a good & well made Setting Dogg may be best known wth out having much regard either to Size or Colour, for those are so very obvious to all men y^t they need no remarks thereon for they may either take y^m or refuse y^m as their own fancy leads y^m therein The observations therefore y^t are chiefly to be made in ye choice of a good Setter I take to be these two Viz^t the manner

of his hunting & ye method of finding & setting his Game &
to discourse rightly [redacted]
only ye Situation of ye Country
ought to be considered before
you run on too fast on ye point
for a Dogg y^t has been made and
taught chiefly on y^e plains
& Champians is doubtless very
much out of order w^n^ he
comes to be confined wth in the
narrow limits of y^e enclosures
& so on y^e contrary it must be
supposed to be y^e like disorder
to a Dogg bred up & taught a
mongst enclosures w^n^ he comes
to be hunted in the open Cham=
=pain where there is nothing
to bound him but y^e Hayteing
of the Voice or clashing of a whip
&c. wth Some [redacted] tunes a con=

=fu'ed jargon of odd sounds to
make such a dogg hear y^t has
never been tell loose in such a
Country before that much pre
=mised I shall venture to declare
my self in an enclosed p^r. Et where
y^e middle sized feilds are about
7 or 8 Acres & such I take to be of
a Scantling well enough to breath
a Setting Dogg in & also large
enough to shew a Dogg perfect
=ion or imperfection in so y^t I
must now come to shew w^t. tis
I mean thereby first therefore tho'
I promised not to say much of
Size yet I must take leave to
hint y^t. either to large or too Small
must be a kind of imperfection
notwithstanding either may
Sett well enough w^n. they come
& find their game fairly but y^e
first Sort generally by their great

weight & thick of body so much
wear out & batter their feet y^t
they seldom stand out much
hunting, & ye others are scarcely
able (notwithstanding their
willingness) to rush through & to
hold up their heads above the
great wheat stubbles y^t in some
fruitfull years & fruitfull Country,
so much foile y^m y^t they also must
give over hunting, the middle sized
dogg is therefore to be preferr'd
having made therefore choice
of a dogg for colour size & otherto
be of goodness or perfection may
next be y^t chiefly regarded, as
first if he follow his Master in a
quiet steady orderly manner ei-
ther close at his heels w^n walking
or close by his stirrups or at his
horses heels w^n riding wth out
offering to flinch from him at every

(especially on having been
rested for some days past) for
bear leaping up & down for a
while even whilk or yelp in
their Master face is only shew.
a token of overjoyfullness for
their freedom from ye confinem^t
y^t they have been lately kept in:
wher after wch fruking about y^e
fall into regular hunting for
their game wth some care the
great eagerness such doggs I
have oft seen & very good
ones too in ye main for the
Sport & pastime.

little object appearing in his way
this is one token of a good and
well managed Dogg, but w^n he
comes to be shewn in ye field
before a Chapman ye Buyer
must have a particular Eye to
the regular manner of his hunt
for if w^n. turnd off in ye field he
goes not steadily away & di:
:rected, & so returns ag^n. by keep
a due distance in his Quartering
(as tis called) wth. out much callin
unto for his first turn as only a
whistle or hem - - - - of ye voice
or such like being wth. his Masters
directions are, tis a chance if
he be a throughly Staunch Dogg al
:tho' it must be allowd y^t. many
high mettle Doggs & good Setters
are so very eager & so rejoyced at
first turning off y^t. they can't

Farther descriptions of a
good Setter

But to lay y^t Case to a clearer
light to such persons as may
not have made such strict ob
=servations as are necessary &
requisit in a true bred &
rightly managed Dogg (for to
such only I pretend to write
y^t I suppose know not so much
as my Self have observd in many
years experience) I shall Sum
m. briefly lay down such rules
to be observd in a good dogg hunt
=ing for his Game y^t shall almost
prove by plain Mathematica.
demonstrations of a true dogg
can scarcely ever miss Setting
of the Bird, (tho' indeed acci
=dents must be allowd of in all
pastimes) for I shall prove y^t

The frequent Springing of birds
after a Dogg is made willing
to Sett y.m is generally more
owing to the Sportsman y.t
hunts him y.n it is to y.e Dogg
for if I pretend to be a teacher
or hunter of Setting Doggs, tis
to be Supposed y.t after Some
time I have brought my Dogg
to such good Command as to direct
him how, when & where I
please, if therefore y.u I take
y.e field, Observe y.e true point
y.t y.e wind blows from, then go
directly to the opposite part of
the field & there cast of my Dogg
not ag.st the wind but so cross itt
y.t it blows full ag.st one Side of
him (no matt.r how) so y.t y.n he
has reach'd y.e other hedge

turnd by my whistle or hem of
command at ye distance I please
he ag.n falls back by me at about
3 rods distance, from where he
went before (supposeing his nose
good enough to vent such a dis
=tance) ye.e wind y.t bearing as
full ag.st y.e other side So y.t continu
=ing in y.e manner of tracing on
y.e field w.ch is the true Quartering
So much talk'd off amongst
Sportsmen) tis almost impo:
=sible (w.th Some meer accident
but y.t he may (if he will) sett y.e
bird for he cannot pass y.e field
thus ore pore in such a regular
manner as here described but
y.t y.e Scent of y.e Game (if any there)
must first reach his nose ere he
come near enough to give y.m any dis:
=turbance by the wagging

his taile rushing y^e Stubble
or by any other motion wch So
=ever y^e is So plain a proof of y^t
I hope all Sports men will
please to allow of it, But tho'
y^e may or at least ought to be
allowd by Sportsmen by Such I
mean as are throughly vers'd
in the true nature of y^e Sport yet
it must be also allowd y^t there are
Several all youngsters a meeting att it
y^t have only Seen a few half or ill
made Doggs hunted, or have hunted
Such, & perhaps drawn a few onely
Sometimes on foot & Sometimes
on horseback Sometimes with
& Sometimes wth out Success of
catching Such therefore w^n Succ
=ess has happened to y^m I gently
judge y^t y^e only method of catch^g
Partridges be gott either on foot or
on horseback & that there is now
other like it or to be used or follow'd

without ever considering y^e time of y^e Year or day or place of Covert y^t they happen to have y^e lucky sett in, So y^t if one happen to be on foot & y^e other on Horseback y^t must be always esteemed y^e best method, wch p^r, hays at another time it might prove most prop:=per for both to be on foot or both on horseback as y^e place & Covert may in Some measure direct, & y^t even Sometimes a Single one alone may take those birds y^t would not be taken by any Company has been known experimentally by Several Old Sportsmen to have been Several times performed, & y^t at the latter End or rather after ye usuall Covey Season in wch they had been by Gunners &c frighted from time to time & from place to place till given over & rested quietly ag^n

for Some time ^ twenty ye winter
Months for Birds have been taken
by my Self in all the Months in
ye Year June only Excepted and
p^rhaps in ye month too by other
Sportsmen, So y^t tis not as many
Imagine only just Such a time
or month or two of ye Year y^t
Setting Doggs are of any use, as
too many Gent: are apt to
think as afore hinted off but
Seasons are proper one more y^n
another all must allow.

The method of a good Dogg's Sett.

Itt ~~is not~~ follows ye method a good Dogg should take in fairly Setting hu Game wch might be described Severall ways but I Shall only Say, y^t^ Supposing it only about where ye birds have lately been, if it be not very Strong Scented, ye true dogg will Soon pass by it tho' wth Some caution as narrower of string or the like, but w^n^ he comes to have ye true Strong (perhaps encreasing) Scent come once to his nose, wch a good dogg (tho' how we cant So fully describe) will Soon distinguish, w^n^ presently Slacken his former carreer by Shorter & Rings work himself up till he comes to find out the true point by ye wind only or Stop of a Sudden by Some Side or Eddy gale) So Shew where about they are but if

found at some [redacted] considerable
distance (as the best doggs often
doe) so find y^t he keep rambling
or walking up still nearer &
nearer in a steady gentle care
full manner holding up his head
till he has taken his usuall dis-
tance most frequently by Scent,
but sometimes by sight, so y^t he ei-
ther drops or stands (no great
matter w^ch) wth his nose directly
pointing towards ye Game by
wch you are (on knowing his us
-uall distance) as it were plain
-ly told were to direct y^r nett
or netts, to cover there wth as many
as you can of the Covey. Directions
for drawing a Nett Successfully
should of course follow, but y^t
being so difficult a task y^t I think

it ought rather to be left to ye
Judgement & discretion of every
one ye. p[ur]sues ye pastime yt. to
pretend to say much about it,
for tho' many things might be
said as to ye force or Strength of
the wind the Shade of the Sun
especially to the grounds the
game chances to lye on, yet
they ought rather to be omitted
then to be treated off, for every
one that is Master of a Dogg
ought also to be Master of his
Nett and to use or Mis-use
them as he pleases.

A Comparison betwixt a horse
& a Dogg w.th a Story —

Now to proceed farther on y.e
Subject I Shall venture to ad-
vertize my Readers y.t Such a
Dogg as above described is not
every where, nor often to be met
with all y.e reasons I hope will
seem plain w.ch layd to serious
consideration for to make a
Slight comparision betwixt
horses & Doggs as aforehinted
twill I hope be allowed y.t from
a wild colt after being brought
to bear y.e rider by frequent &
oft repeated exercises he dayly
grows more & more gentle and
handy to be dealt w.th till att
last he arrives to y.e perfection
required, So y.t a Dogg cannot be
supposed to be a good Setter w.th-
out being allowed some consider-

time to be well directed very
frequently exercis'd at the
last time use [redacted] mak: perfection
With the want of due Consid
=eration only caution have given
to the then with some other
remarks to be hereafter used I
hope to prove to be y^e chief
occasion of those frequent com
=plaints we so oft hear from
Gent: about Setting Doggs, for
w^n y^e humour takes y^m (w^ch
mostly about y^e middle of July
the influence of y^e Doggs days
coming in being y^e only y^e
they must have a Setter for y^e
ensuing Covey season, they forth:
=wth make enquiry for y^e next
Sportsman that has one to
Sell & accordingly apply to him
to have a Dogg brought to them

at y^e^ next opportunity y^e^ Sports
=man willing to oblige both
his Chap & himself too after
triall made by himself attends
wth his young Dogg y^t^ had been
Stop'd but y^e^ lairing Season before
happening to Shew [redacted] a
sett or two in grass ground,
while y^e^ birds are young & Size
at y^e^ time extreamly close fast
indeed Covert on ye a bargain is
Struck & ye price agreed on paid
afterwards wth ye young Dogg now
in the hand of a Stranger comes
to be hunted in a very different
manner & with a very different
voice & sound, He knows not what is
meant thereby nor perhaps his
new Master how to tell him,
therefore in Short if a Dogg of
Courage goes boldly up to his

Game in ch now grown also
Stranger Spring, heres a-
groind for complaint y Sports
=man must be called knave y^e
Gent, may be otherwise

The Story

To explain Shord true Story
may not be any ways misap
=plyd A Gent deales wth a Sports
man for a Setter either made
for him or Sold to him (noe
matter w.h) y^e Dogg is delivered
& y^e price agreed on p.^d y Dogg
is next delivered to his Servant
care & hunting, they dayly goe
abroad w^thout bringing home
a bird at about a fortnights
tryall complain y Dogg
went Sett y Sports man is
Sent for who attending request

the Gent, to the field y^e Dogg
Setts well & a bagg of birds
are taken the Gent. is Satisfied
=fied with his Dogg but w^th
all enquires why his men
could not take birds wth him
the Sportsman answers lett
him have y^e same price & y^e
same privilege to whip &
to teach the Men y^t. He had
for the Dogg & they Should
know how to catch birds the
fellows leer on him but y^e
Sportsman is acquitted

Application of the Story

This Story rightly applyd &
considerd methinks may
Silence a great many com-
=plaints for if Gent will

Stick at a low price, or buy
rare made Doggs, if such a
Dogg proves almost useless
& thereby their money as it
were thrown away who shall
they justly blame for it, but y^m
selves, y^e Caveat Emptor is
to be remembered y^e Buyer is to
be carefull in Laying out his
money for if they must & will
buy a Dogg at the common^t
most usuall making price
of about five Guineas (for
such there are to be had) there
is nothing allowed for breeding
up & keeping 'em some charges
till he becomes [illegible] whereas
w^n they put out a Dogg to
be only taught they have
been at ye charges y^m selves y^t is
w^t ought to be considered on both
parts, for if by chance they meet
wth a Dogg at such Low price, y^t

happens to prove well on his
tryall, he must be either
made or have some priva
fault, such as ye seller conceals,
& y^t^ ye buyer cant see into (as
tis oft ye case in horses) or else
ye Seller must be very ready of
money, as is too too oft ye poor
Sports mans unfortunate Case.

Proper rating of Doggs.

The most common & usuall
difference in y^e^ Severall prices
& rating of Doggs in Vallue,
ought next to be treated off &
considerd, & y^t^ may be don
Severall ways (wth out So much
esteeming Beauty as in horses
&c) but especially is two at
least Viz^t^ his Career -- or
fleetness in hunting & Steady
=ness in Setting, these happening

in y^e Same Dogg makes him
doubtless y^e more Valuable
there is a third properly now
greatly in requests & much
regarded by Some; wch is I
think generally call'd Stout:
=ness in y^e field, all these hapn^g
=ing together are what makes
y^e most perfect & truly Valua
=ble Dogg, but are rarely and
seldome to be found in y^e Same
as to y^e first Viz his Fleetness
tho I grant He may be in y^e
main good Setter enough, yet
such a one must be allowd
Sometimes (tho' as but acci:
dentially) to Spring a Covey for
by his great fleetness & carer
in hunting, tho' his more (as
most often tis very good, yet
can't Stop himself especially

on a Side or eddy gale as Such will oft happen in Small en: closures) till y^e^ game is on wing, yet y^e^ Dogg for a Travell =ing Gent, may prove of more Service y^n^ y^e^ Slow, but Surer Setter, because he will hunt thrice at least as many Acres over in an hour as y^e^ Slow Sure Dogg dos or can doe in near two, for he ought to have his game, as it were layd out for him before hand y^t^ is, we ought to have y^e^ haunt of a Covey well known before we take him into ye field for Such an one is not for meer chance Sport, but Gent may value either as they please, & provide y^m^ Selves (if they can

according to their own fancys
but properly Speaking y one
may be for large grounds or
open Champians, y other best
for an enclosed part of the
Country

Stoutness in y field

I come now to treat of y mighty
valued thing call'd Stoutness in
y field if those who so highly
value & prize y property, would
but please to allow more to y
road & less to y field, I could y
sooner agree wth their Notions,
for travailing on y road trys
a Doggs Stoutness as much as
hunting, if not rather more
for why else doe Sportsmen in
making their hot young Doggs
sometimes travaile y. so hard

but only to calm their fiery fiera
career - in ye field, but more of
ye hereafter, Now if I prove y^e
game in ye height of ye Covey Season
being ye hot month of August
seldom to be found in ye field
much above 3 hours each
morn. & even. w^t Occasion is
there for ye extraordinary Stout
-ness in ye field, is it not as
above'd. as proper to be apply'd to
ye road. for if a Dogg will hold out
travailing Severall hours at
a horse heels & hunt here and
there a likely field in y^e first
part of y^e morn, or towards
even. (as Setting out on a Jour:
-ney of some business an hour or
two y^e Sooner may permitt for
some pasture nere y^e road w^t
Sporting Gent. purely at his

leisure for pleasure & diversion will care to be roasting him: =self his horses & his doggs in ye heat of ye day for a partridge y^t is known by experience to be generally y^e most shady Coverts of y^e Coolest way of proving y^e Strength of a doggs feet (y^e chief cause & place of his weakness) by hunting him long in Vain I doubt will as much prove some weakness in his Masters head, for those who know ye Nature of a partridge (I not designing to treat them) will soon grant y^t this a bird y^t never willingly bears either heat or cold wch in excess besides I may suppose y^t their mortall Enemys ye Hawks are oft very great & frequent causes of

their concealment in ye closest
Coverts, till necessity for feeding
bring y^m forth again from such
privacy into ye open fields, &
where ye scattered graines of
corn lye plenty fully enough
for their Subsystance

Dispute 1st anno. Sportsmen
I may now proceed on ye great
& frequent disjute y^t I have so
often heard in discourse a
mongst Sports men whether
ye rough or Smooth Dogg
come by the term of English
ye other by the term of French
usually, makes ye best Setters,
ye Arguments pro and Con
I shall but just touch on y^m
Venture my own opinion
(having Seen good of both Sorts)
y^m leave others to Judge as they

pleasey, as for y first sort
those y. argue for y. say
they are generally most
strong, hardy in their feet,
patient under correction
less humane Some lastly most
subject to y above said good property
of stoutness in standing y field,
those for the others utterly deny
y. property by saying y smooth
stand it longer w.out wanting
water y rough being too much
heated by his own thick coate
& y smooth is s.d to be most tract
=able & docible & y more aisery
pleasant hunter letting all this
be granted as to be neary truth,
I must yet preser y dogg (to end
y controversey) betwixt both
(for such there are) y are only

a little rough about ears
haunches &c w.th a some what
long yet a smooth Eyeing hair
ore y.e rest of the Body &c as
framed betwixt y other two
So likewise generally partake
of all y.e good properties of both
y others &c Since I may take
leave to prefer those, I give as
free leave to others to censure
mine as I have here taken in
others Notions, Saying lastly
y.t he y.t has a Dogg w.th y most
good properties &c w.th all although
:ly Stanch'd Setter (w.ch is y.e best
property of all) may prove of
Service enough (whether rough
or smooth or betwixt both) for
any Gent, delight. in y.e easy healthy
harmless Sport refreshing

Another kind of Dogg in Vogue

Should There omitt mentioning another kind of Doggs not much in Vogue with some by ye term of Natural Pointer by some called Spanish Setter I might be justly blame able no^t first to term seems to appoint him out for ye most kind Dogg in the world for a Setter, for what can seem more proper y^n to have y^t posture by Nature y^t others are so long in learning wth much pains often to ye teacher & great Art sometimes to boot for n^o t is a Setting Dogg for but to point at & shew whereabouts his game is w^tout setting itt on (ving) but to call ye kind of Dogg a trotter

is as proper a term as y^e other (because a true bred one very rarely gallops) yett He^s in my Opinion a meer great poulter headed heavy heeld booby, soon tired in his sluggish, Trott slender waisted, tender footed, & soon willing to loyter only at y^e heels, yet I must owne y^e y Generall good=ness of his Nose & also the steadiness of his Eye & y^e great service of it to be fully equall if not Superior to this Extraordinary Sence of Smell=ing for I have seen observed one of them after having trott=ed one a field in his own wilde way (being a Verse to command:

as he is for galloping) com.
down y^e^ wind by y^e^ Hedge
Side Sett y^e^ birds by his Eye only
(for noe Scent can goe against
y^e^ wind) for those two properly
only I have heard Some Gent^r^
extoll him for a very good Sett^r^
(for I can allow a Dogg may be
a Staunch Setter, yet not a per-
=fect good Setting Dogg) by Say.
two or three times trotting a
cross a field is equivalent to
y^e^ best Quartering may Such
be welcome to their own judge
=m^t^. But as for his true Character
wch is to doe mischief wth y^e^
Help -- of a Gunn in distroying
our breed both of Pheasants and
partridges I dont Account him in

=ferior to any kind of Dogg
now in use amongst us,

Some generall remarks to be Observed

Having thus farr proceeded in
my own words & observations
framed from many Years practice
& experience in y^e Setting Sport
why may I not be allowed to bor:
=bor some w^t. from y^e only author
y^t. I have met with, (who pretends to give
any Acco^t. of Setting Doggs) more
full to describe y^m. in his language
& more free Expressions y^n. I have
hither to don in those of my own
who tells you in his Gent: recreatio^n
in pages 148 & 149 of y^e fowling part
that a Dogg wch. you elect for Setting
must have a perfect good Scent, & be
naturally addicted to ye hunting of
feathers, and ye Dogg may be either

Land Spaniells water Spaniell or Mungrell of y^m both, either Shall^m flewed hound, Tumbler, Lurcher, or Small Castard Mastiff, why did he not put in & Nominate those of ye Bear Garden Breed to for those y^t Love to have y^m of a large Size? But (says my Author & herein I think him not mistaken) there is none - - better y^n ye Land Spaniell being of a good, & Nimble Size, rather Small y^n gross & of a courageous mettle, tho^h ye tho^h can't discern being young (as M^r. Cox says) yet you may very well know from a right Breed, wch have been known to be Strong, Lusty & nimble rangers of active feet, wanton tailes & bully nostrills, whose taile is wth out wearyness their Search wth out changeableness, & whom no delight dos

transport beyond soar or obedience
you may also observe page 146 how
the chief design of y.r Quotations
recitall if rightly construed (for
I think not to steale or borrow
much more from him) is to shew
others opinions as well as my own
y.t tis not y.r or y.t kind of breed of dogs,
nor my L-d or S.r Jo.n or S.r J.n Such a
one, breed y.t is only proper to make
a good Setter off for by some kind of
mismanagem.t we may oft observe
meer currs amongst such per:
=sons y.t will neither hunt or Sett
but very awkwardly so tho' that
may very often is charged on y.e
Sports man y.t made y.m Setters or
in some other management or mis ma
=nagem.t rather, yet I hope it may
not be much taken amiss if I dare
venture to say (so y.t for certain rea:
=sons too) y.t there is no more certain
ty

(& scarcely so much) of having fine breed doggs from Ld.s or Gen.ls y.t there is from private Country Gent: or common Sportsmen who often make it some of their employ, first to gett & y.t carefully to preserve of the best kind or breed of doggs y.t are any ways to be procured by y.r selves or by some of their friends Interest, such persons not scorning sometimes to stand pimps to a Salt Bitch to see her very closely warded by some choice dogg, whereas y.e others of a higher ranke or Quality trusting wholy to their Servants, who often times instead of Fox hounds bring y.r back by their fine Bitch of y.t kind meer Long tailed country Curr, to kill at View, rather then

to depend on their Noses for ye scent
& for Setters halfbred hounds too Subj-
-ject to hang on theirs; by wch it seems
plain & evident, y^t^ tis not so much
ye Vogue as ye nature of ye breed, y^t^ is
most proper to be depended on for a
good Setter; for if I see a Spaniell y^t^
is a strong brisk nimble Ranger &
one y^t^ goes one ye fields wth a good
swift Carreer, & lofty alacrity, --
I need not be very inquisitive after
his breed, or be in ye least doubtfull
of his making a good Setter provided
I know how to manage him rightly
for y^t^ purpose, wch to shew to young
Sportsmen y^t^ I know some nu^t^ of y^e^
pastime, shall be w^t^ next I shall
(tho' but slightly) treat on because
the method I propose to direct to,
I know has some difference from y^t^

of my Neighbours they first teach a Dogg to Sett, & y.ll pretend to Qua: =ltering on y.e contrary mine is first to Quarter & be made through =ly at Comand, so y.t I can y.n very easily Stop him, & Sett him as I please, & Soon Stanch him too

A plain Short method to teach Doggs to Sett,

The person designing to become a Sportsman, ought to be such a one as in some mea =sure is naturally delighting in y.e sort of pastime, & also to be sober free from nastyness diligent at y.e Sport, discreet & judicious in obserb, carefully y.e Various tempers of every particular dogg, that He undertakes for their humours

are as different as their Colours
tis [redacted] therefore impossible to
give any directions, but in gen-
:erall concerning paunishm.ts
& rewards. Let him therefore be
rather too mild at first y.n too
severe; till he can find out his
true temper for their are
nibre [redacted] (y.t would be good
Doggs Spoiled - by being too haughty
on y.e Stripes for where words
will doe no occation w.th there
for Blows, & since their Love
is first to be wone you must
put y.e Awe on by degrees,
Observe therefore [redacted] that
your first care & lesson is to
make y.e Dogg extreamly
fond of you & familiar w.th
you w.ch will be best effected by

suffering none to feed or take
notice of him but your self
& by your taking him w.th you
(as oft as you can) whereever
you go till you can observe
his greatt fondness as above so.
in doing w.ch you are also to gett
him under w.t command you
can (w.th out severity) so as to make
him know y.t frowns smiles
asunder, viz harsh from
smooth words give therefore
y.e same words tone or keys
of the Voice for y.e same thing
it being only y.e sound not y.e
sence y.t prayes y.t Doggs Di:
rections when you have
thus brought him to some
comand at hand, by ordering
him some time to ramble

from you, & y.ll suddenly call him
him in again you are to take
him to y.e more open fields,
& there suffer or encourage
him to hunt & range more
at large, but still in obedience
to your Comand (if you can) wth
this courage, at first make
him diregard, you are to cor
=rect him according to the
nature of his fault, and the
nature of his temper wch. wt
severe Lashes you find he will
well bear, wch. y.e own Judgmt.
joyned wth. a little experience
will best teach y.e by well observ
=ing y.e true temper of y.r Dogg
as whether mild or Stubborn, for
in his good Obedience rewards

must be as frequently given as punishm.t on his Stubborness wch will make him yield to you by degrees, & without too much awe & fear, in teaching him y.e due Obedience of the field you must endeavour (as much as may be) to make him hunt or range regularly (wch is call'd Quartering) y.t is directing him wth his nose, so much towards y.e wind point, (tho' not full ag.st it) y.t he can well cross over & ore y.e field wth out y.e scent of y.e game (if any be near him) coming some wt sideways to his Nose on wch he will give a half turn to: wards y.e point where the game lyes,

In this last mentioned lesson
you must strictly observe
ye manner of his finding of
his Game at wch distance
wth ye eagerness &c. for if he
find it not, at some consider-
-able distance y^t^ rushing
in directly at it, wch his nose
tosd up full ag^st^ ye wind y^e^
labour hitherto may be all
lost, for he will scarcely prove
worth y^e^ farther care and
trouble tho' there are some
methods to assist & amend
y^t^ defect of Nature, as wch are
called Dogg frogs collars &c.
But if you perceive y^t^ he usu
-ally find his Game fair &
clear you may proceed with

hopes of Success) by encourag
=ing him for sometime there
=in so farr at least as y. you
can certainly know by his ac
=tions or postures w.ch his gain
is just before him still en=
=deavouring all this time
to enerease his due obedience
dayly more & more to your
Commands till ——— y.t you
fully & plainly find, he will
mind your directions even
w.ch his game is almost just
at Nose, so as to be call'd back
check'd or stop'd at a word &
———————————
w.ch once he is brought into
this order, you may lastly try
to make him stop or drop by y.e

met wth all Word Down
Down or Such like y^t you
have or will use to him
wch if not at first regarded
(as you must Scarse expect
y^t twill) you must y^n Somew^t
more Severely punish him ei
=ther wth y^e whip coard Cain,
or by pinching him Smartly
by the ears wth Some Iron nip
=pers or y^e teeth Still laying
or Setting him in y^t posture
aty^e Same time (p^so condin^ue
him during y^e pleasure after
each wilfull or casuall spin
=ning tho' not with y^e Same Se:
=verety one casualty) y^t you
would have him Sett his game
in w^t farther taught very
oft repeating this Lesson till

hers perfected by y^e rewards wch tract
=able & by punishm^t wch he proves
Stubborn or disobedient to y^e reason:
=ble & duly given commands, Now
He y^t cannot make a dogg (y^t is kindly
for y^e Sport) a setter by these (tho short)
directions, may be looked on or esteemd
but as indifferently qualified for y^e Sport
but tis not to be doubted but y^t there
are Severall other & perhaps very
different methods too used by divers
persons in different parts of ye Kingdom
as cruel Setting within doors &c but
as to more observations relating to
y^e common or usuall Accidents of y^e
plastine y^t might have been herein
enumerated, as casuall Springing,
or the Birds rising of y^m selves &c.
(designing brevity) I shall leave all
Such cases to y^e Discretion & Judgm^t &
observa:
=tions, or let you seek out farther ad:
=vice (if need full) from Some old expe:
=rienced Sportsman if any Such be of
y^e neighbourhood not doubting but y^t
I have s^d too much already to please
Some tho' too little perhaps for others.

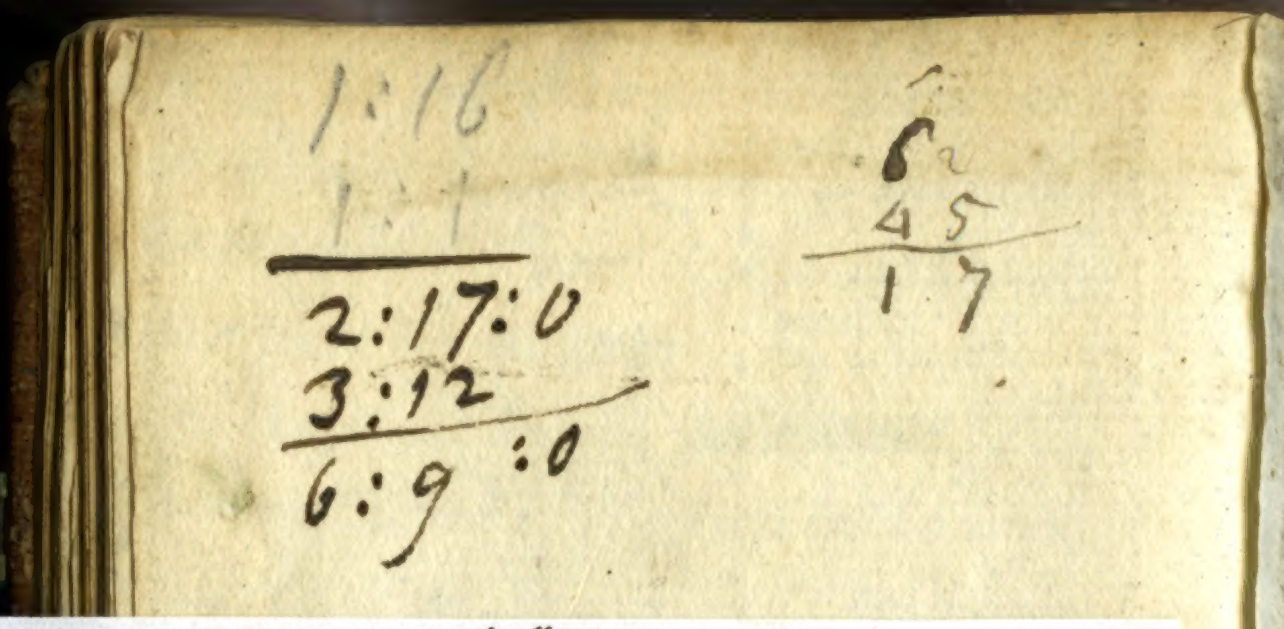
The Conclusion

By w^t has been hither to Said it plainly appears y^t a Setter is to be made from y^e best kind of fleet nimble high mettled Land Spaniells, whether of y^e rough or Smooth kind as a fore mention'd or of those y^t are bred & raised from them for I never yet Saw: tumblers, Lurchers or small mastiffs used for y^t Sport, tho I must own y^t I once Saw a true bred Spaniell wch is indeed a Docible Dogg) fit to be a very good Setter, but to distin=guish y^e hunting & Setting in two parts, as I think it ought to be (for a Dogg may hunt well but not Sett, & may Sett but not hunt well) I must much question his perfections, tho I'le grant he might be Setter enough (as twas affirm'd he was) w^n he knew where his game lay for all persons I hope y^t know those kind of Doggs will allow y^m to be heavy by Na=ture (to make y^m light & nimble by art; would, I think, be art indeed) and y^t they are more proper for y^e water y^n for the Land wee, why y^n should any one fancy the making such kind of Dogg a Setter

tho' indeed it must be owned y^t any kind of Dogg may be brought to sett y^t has good mettle & Courage enough to bear due cor: = rections whilest in his teaching, & y^t some require more some less is also as true, & tis easier to fetch a Dogg, from a high to a low y^e tis to raise him from a low to a high Courage we therefore cominonly say y^t y^e hot Dogg well and or the mild Dogg (wth hunting Courage well fleth'd, may either of y^m (wth in a Sports mans hands) make very good Setters. But those y^t design to have young Doggs, for any tollerable Ser: = vice y^e first Covey Season, must have y^m well comanded Quartered & directed to find their game (being y^r a year old or upwards about y^e Holland tide pre: = ceeding they y^r will enter early the next Spring in the pairing Season & so become of good use & advice in the following Covey Season as above said whereas otherwise those y^t are but just Stop'd in y^e Spring & afterwards, fall into y^e hands of Strangers (unless

itt be to such as are well versed in the
Sport) Seldom prove of much Service
in y^e next Covey Season, y^t I take to be
another chief occasion of y^e frequent
Complaints before mentioned: He—
therefore y^t designs for and is yet un-
=acquainted or but little acquainted w^th
y^e Sport is not unadvised to prepare
himself wth a Dogg (y^t has been a twelve
months made) about y^e middle or
latter end of Aprill in y^e pairing Season
preceding for by such a Method (tho
he give y^e better price) He shall Dogg
will become so much y^e better acquai
=nted as the doubleing y^e price con-
=tains to; for to loose y^e first & even
the best part of the Season for want
only of a little due understanding.
will but Ve^x Gent. y^t can freely Spare
a little money for a great many
brace of Partridges, And He y^t has
once procured a good Dogg, by w^t So-
=ever means, ought to know how to
keep him in good Order, y^t is rather

Lean y.t fatt for o fatt Dogg can never hold out much hunting therefore dayly exercise, w.th cool diet, & cool clean Lodg. is best for a Setter: in y.e Summer — therefore dayly [redacted] If lays on some Weeds y.t are a little withered instead of Straw, will keep him free from fleas, y.t are great disturbers of the good rest he Should take after having been hard hunted, and He y.t designs to prosecute y.e Sport closely, cant well be without two Setters, for a day or two's rest must needs sometimes prove very proper to every Setter tho' never so Stout in nature; & besides accidentall Lame=ness may as well happen to a Dogg as to a Horse, or any other Creature w.tsoever —



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An Early Manuscript on Setters

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An extraordinarily early and remarkable manuscript on "Setting Doggs". The author gives a general introduction in which he remarks that "little or nothing almost to any purpose on these kinds of doggs particularly...is to be found in print"; he defines a setter as "those... which both by Nature & Art are enclined to hunt for, & to find partridge rather than any other Game...& when formed by Art & good management, so framed as to stop & shew by a steady posture, either standing or lying down, wherabouts they are...this being what we now generally call the setting of partridges." The author continues with "Hints on Colours & Methods of Breeding". He remarks that "it may not prove amiss just to say that the clean white or nearest it or cole black are most visible in the dark of the evening (the sporting time)", and proceeds to give "a Method of breeding up whelps from the dam till they become fitt to take directions for the Sport..." He next exposes some errors in the management and raising of setters, corrects these errors, , gives a description of a good dog, makes a comparison between a horse and a dog, tells an instructive story; devotes several pages to the "proper ruleing of Doggs", discourses on "Stoutness in the field", "Disputes amongst Sportsmen", and "Another kind of dogg in Vogue" (where he discusses the "Naturall Pointer or Spanish trotter"); makes some more general remarks, then gives a "Short Method to teach Dogs to Sett" before closing with his conclusion: "By what has been hitherto said it plainly appears that a Setter is to be made from the best kind of fleet nimble & high mettled Land Spaniells, whether of the rough or smooth kind)..." The hand and orthography appears to be early 18th century; reference to the Game Act of George I (1714-1727) is probably contemporaneous.

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By A LOVER OF YE SETTING SPORT.

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